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TO FILTER HOME

Station for Brest and

St. Nazaire

Combat Divisions Will Stay or

Banks of Sarthe Until

G.H.Q. Says "Go!"

When peace, transportation and a few other predominant questions of the time are decided and the A.E.F. finally faces

To Converge Upon Le Mans

From wherever the conditional re-lease by G.H.Q. finds them, the divi-tions will converge upon Le Mans. The town has billeting accommodations, which are now being improved, for two divisions, and the surrounding area, which includes a former Belgian depot,

which includes a former Belgian depot will provide quarters for six more. The divisions will arrive with full field equipment, including animals and such other appendages as they may have ac quired in France. They will remain nominally in reserve until finally re leased by G.H.Q. When the release comes they are definitely homeward bound, and things will begin to happer fast.

fast.

They will move to a "clean camp where the troops will be delouse scribbed, disinfected and otherwise pur

Last Ride in Box Car

East Rikle in Box Uar

Eight of these shuttle trains are now
running. They consist of American cars
—of the box variety. The last train ride
in France, if not in a "Chevaux 8,
Hommes 40" will be in a conveyance
strangely remindful of one. Each of
the shuttle trains will be equipped with
its own kitchen. The present model
comprises kitchens mounted on two flat
cars roofed over. From these kitchens

MERIT CERTIFICATES

May Be Given by C.-in-C. to Most Deserving Soldiers

THROUGH LE MANS

**BIG PART OF ARMY** 

## **3RD MEETS SHOCK** SOUTH OF MARNE, **CROSSES IN TURN**

Americans on River Front from Chateau-Thierry to Jaulgonne

## ADVANCE TO FERE FOREST

Every Foot of Way Contested in 15 Kilometer Gain That Cost 5,986 Casualties

During the days from May 31 to fune 4, 1918, while the 7th Machine iun Battalion of the 3rd United States livision was making its gallant stand it Chateau-Thierry itself, the other ornizations of this division were marding and improving other crossing places of the Marne along an exensive stretch of the river, both east not west of that city.

As the front of this section settled to a state of semi-stability, during the nonth of June, the elements of the division were gradually brought ogether into a more compact sector fabout a ten kilometer front, reaching from Chateau-Thierry, on the west, of the Jaulgonne Bend in the Marne n the east. This sector the division recorded, always more or less under the harassing fire of the Germans on he high hills north of the Marne, radually to strengthen with strong oints and bells of wire entanglement hick were designed eventually to be xtended until they should form three mylete lines of defense reaching ack from the river.

The work had been completed only a small degree when the great German offensive began on July 15, the kireme right of their attack falling its region entirely unnecessary.

th Infantry and the 8th Machine Gun attalion; the 6th Infantry Brigade, rig. Gen. Charles Crawford, made of the 30th and 38th Infantry and to 9th Machine Gun Battalion; the d Field Artillery Brigade, Brig. Gen. 'illiam M. Cruikshank, made up of e 10th, 18th and 76th Field Artillery Egiments; the 6th Engineers and di-sional troops.

## French on Both Flanks

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The division had in support positions behind it, the 28th United States Division, and the 12th French Division was on its right and the 39th French Division on its left, the latter crossing the Marne below Chateau-Thiorry and connecting up, in turn, with the 26th United States Division. The German attack had been expected and the preliminary bombardment, which began at midnight, was forestalled and largely neutralized by the violence of the counter-preparation fire put down by the 3rd Division Artillery at 15 minutes before midnight. Nevertheless, the Germans put in, it was reliably estimated, about 84 batteries in this sector against 31

## ANTHRAX LAID TO SHAVING BRUSHES

Thirty Cases in A.E.F. in 1918-Nearly 6,000 **Had Measles** 

year-long fight to prevent the ad through the A.E.F. of anix, a malignant disease communiie from horses to man, resulted in aderal regulation requiring that all 
ving brushes must be stamped with 
name of the manufacturer. 
'his fact has just been made known by 
Chief Surgeon's office in connec-

### **IDENTIFICATION NO. 1**

Every time a soldier has had his identification disc handled out to him with 217,862 or 2,985,643 or some such indistinguishable number on it, he has ruminated on all those figures and said or thought, "I wonder who's got Number 1?" Number One was assigned in the infancy of the A. E. F. to Sgt. Arthur B. Crean of the Medical Department. Where and what is he now? A lieutenant colonel, probably. What has become of Number One?

## SHOW EACH NIGHT. PLAN OF BIGGEST **BOOKING AGENCY**

G.H.Q. Aims to Send O.D. **Entertainers Around** A.E.F. Circuits

### REAL PLAY FOLKS DIRECT

Every Encouragement to Develop ment of Soldier Talent Urged in General Order

The A.E.F. is now setting in mo-tion the biggest theatrical booking agency in the world.

All the professional and amateur show folks in olive drab are being or-ganized to the end that some sort of show shall be staged every night in every place occupied by American troops.

### Military Attache for Y.M.

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Already several traveling companies are being organized and will tour the Y.M.C.A. circuits. As there is nothing in military regulations which allows a soldier to be ordered to report for duty to the Y.M.C.A., that organization has acquired a military attache, and the Yank actors are porting for duty to him. They will really be on detached service under him, and that service can last four months if they go big with their audiences. Presumably a frost means the brig for the entire company.

Plans will soon be announced for a competition for the best 20-minute vandeville act in the A.E.F., and the winning act will in all probability get such an award as vandeville actors years for in their day dreams.

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## **NEW LEAVE CENTER** OPENS IN PROVENCE

Coblenz Made Temporary Rest Spot for Army on Rhine

Another leave area, capable of car-ng for between 600 and 1,000 D. D. per-

tion with a report on communicable diseases during 1913, which showed that, in the 12 months, 30 cases of anthrax developed among American soldiers in France, and that the discase was rapidly fatal in many of the cases.

Practically all the cases occurred among newly arrived troops and were traced to the use of infected shaving brushes. As a part of the prevention campaign thousands of brushes under suspicton were taken from Q.M.C. stores and sterilized.

The disease is characterized by the appearance of what looks to be a boil at the back of the jaw. The sore develops rapidly, deepens malignantly and, in the absence of prompt surgical attention, usually causes death within several days. Most of the cases in the A.E.F. hospital records for 1918. There were 3.456 cases of diphtheria reported during the year and 5.952 cases of measles. These diseases occurred principally among troops newly arrived from the States. There were 1.85 cases of chickenpox and 5.79 cases of typhoid and paratyphoid fever.

Typhoid fever increased after November 1 and was largely confined to divisions which had been in the prolonged fighting between the Argonne and the Meuse, where pure drinking water often was not available. A total of 3.16 cases of typhoid and paratyphoid were reported in the last two months of the year. related to the use of infected shaving brushes. As a part of the prevention campaign thousands of brushes under suspicion were taken from Q.M.C. stores and sterilized.

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## 450.000 MEMBERS OF A.E.F GIVE TO WAR ORPHAN FUND

Average Contribution from Donors 4.444 Francs and Then Some

### LIEUTENANTS SCORE HIGH FINAL RELEASE, THEN SHIP

Enlisted Men Tie Captains in Individual Adoptions—Majors Good Fourth

More than 450,000 members of the E.F. have contributed to the support f French war orphans through the War rphan Department of THE STARS AND STRIPES. The average per capital contribution for the 450,000 is 4.4444

ita contribution for the 450,000 is 4.4432plus francs.

These two facts were gleaned this
week from a complete re-check of the
card index system of the A.E.F.'s family
of 3,444 children. The figures are approximate. The 450,000 total was
gained by tabulating the adoption by
units, ascertaining the authorized membership of these units and assuming
from available data that in the units 60
resecont of the membership actually

from available data that in the units of oper cent of the membership actually subscribed. The 450,000 estimate is more likely low than high.

The 4.444-plus franc figure was gained by dividing 450,000 into 2,000,000, the number of francs taken in, an intricate mathematical stunt especially recovered for valva afternoons because

aus-and in the third place many of the contributions are from groups of units stationed at air centers, training camps and the like, and are credited to these stations and not to the individual or ganization. To name the champeen adoptory, therefore, is impossible, even if it were possible to tabulate generosity.

### More Complications Coming

When it comes to determining wh ho among the different branches There have been so man, or the organizations from one branch of the service to another, and to corps of the service which only came into existence during the last few months that any Continued on Page 2

## ARMY ALONG RHINE SETS LOW RECORD

Only 33 Venereal Cases in Week-Whole A.E.F. Rate Down

Thirty-three venereal cases amount

geon says. Men found issased will be for solve that the embarkation points until they have been restored to the little and little and

### **COURTMARTIAL FOR Y MEN**

## RIP VAN WINKLE GUARD SALVAGED

Bucks Wait Two Months for Relief That Hasn't Come Yet

Inland City to Be Clearing who know the satisfaction of challenging the last relief after a two-on-and



four-off will appreciate the feeling of Private William Johnson and Herbert Spoerke, who walked their post for just we months, waiting for a relief that

s, bedding rolls and equipment, two y and hairy doughboys quite ready e salvaged and turned over to the and barber for external and in-

ternal repairs.

They are now recuperating and rubbing smooth chins.

## BAGGAGE POOLERS GET STERN REBUFF

Squad Pianos Barred Under 75 Pounds Per Man Rule

The plan of the sergeant who intend-l to have the Army of Occupation pool s baggage allowance and ship one of he German castles back to Hoboken been frustrated. Although G.H.Q.

packs.

When the cars were unloaded and the first plane was dumped on the platform an R.T.O. stepped up to a corporal whe was anxiously directing the work.

"What in hell is that?" he politely in cutted.

quired.

"That's my squad's baggage," quietly remarked the corporal, "just 600 pounds. Be careful of those pedals."

But it didn't get by, and the pianolong with two others, is doing fatigue in a Y.M.C.A. but while its former own

fit a French box car arrived, the R.T.O.'s got mad, and the Aero Squadron that hoped to fly over the Alleghanies in their own sky-cart got scant sympathy.

Whatever G.H.Q. said about 75 pounds per man, it is now plain they meant "not transferable." So Cologne Cathedral and the Kalser's bathtub are safe.

# CAMPAIGN HISTORY ON SERVICE RECORD

List of Engagements to Be

FOR S.O.S. FAITHFUL

of movement," which is to be the Dasis of the notations.

Both defensive and offensive operations are listed, being defined as the "concerted action of several large units in offensive or defensive warfare." The riccognized operations are to be listed as given below with the dates of the period in which the soldier's organization was engaged.

Samme defensive, 21 Mar.-6 Apr.

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SURINGES

The plugging heroes of the S.O.S. are not going to be overlooked.

While medals for bravery are not beding given away to men who spent hard and monotonous months between the coean and the trenches, men in the back areas who performed "especially merit torious services" may get something to show for those services in the coming years. If the intimation of a W.D. coblegram is carried out they will be given, upon the approval of the C.G., S.O.S., certificates signed by General Pershing.

Immediate commanding officers will make the original recommendations. The men whose services do not quite call for the D.S.M. But G.O. 1, Hq. S.O.S., respecifies that "great care will be exact of the subject of the prefaction will be offensive, 2 have a supervision will be prefaction. The presence of the subject of the prefaction will be offensive, 2 have a supervision will be subject of the prefaction of the c.G., S.O.S., certificates signed by General Pershing.

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Somme defensive, 2 Mar.-13 Apr.

Lys defensive, 2 Mpr.-27 Apr.

Alsne-Marne offensive, 13 July-6 Aug.

Somme offensive, 14 July-6 Aug.

Somme offensive, 15 July-6 Aug.

## RECORD SHIPLOAD SAILS FOR HOME; 26,980 IN WEEK

Cheers Smother Blast of Food, Transport, Troops' Re-Whistle as Manchuria Starts With 5,000

### 25 CARGO CARRIERS READY ARMISTICE IS PROLONGED

Movements as Total Departures Pass 178,000

When the steamship Manchuria left er dock at Saint Nazaire at midnight ast Friday, carrying 5,000 American oldiers, including several hundred rounded, and poked her bows, covered

List of Sailings

### The list of late sailings includes

Casual Cos. No. 31, 35, 38 and 102.
West Galeta, casuals only.
Canada, casuals only.
Hampiden, Detachment Bordeaux
1 Co. No. 12.
General Goethals, Det. 34th Div.
composed of Div. Hq. Div. Hq.
5, 67th and 68th Inf. Brigades, 109th
Hq. and M.P., 126th, 125th, 127th
Bns., 133rd, 134th, 135th and 136th

# NO FORMAL DECLARATIONS FOR CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES

Providing that every enlisted man's revice record shall contain a list of the neargements participated in by him and

service record shall contain a next of a stricks acquired abroad by the naval fact that the that this record shall form a part of his discharge papers, G.O. No. 4 gives a list of "eleven major operations, during war to for movement," which is to be the basis attement, in the form of an invoice, and of movement, and offerive more than a statement, in the form of an invoice and the fact that the statement, in the form of an invoice and the fact that the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice and the fact that the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice and the fact that the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement, in the form of an invoice are the statement are the state

# FORMAL OPENING OF PEACE CONFERENCE SET FOR TOMORROW

turn First Questions to Come Up

Battleships Continue to Expedite Sixty-six Delegates from Allied Nations, Great and Small, to Frame Treaty

> The formal opening of the Peace Con-ference, composed of 66 delegates representing all the Powers which declared tries born of the war, will open tomor row afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the

Germany's greatest passenger ships which are to be put into the hands of the Allies.

Besides demanding that the gold reserve in the Reichsbank and other valuables be moved from Berlin to a poin nearer the occupied zone, and that the property token from the forms of the property token from the forms of the property token from the forms.

oach: Cuba, Panama, Guatemala, Costa-Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti and Liberia. Ecquador, Bolivia, Peru and Uruguay, having only broken relations with Germany, will also have one voice

The British colonies have been ac orded special representation, in addi ion to the British delegates, and Can Recland and NewYoundland one each. This does not mean, however, that England, with her colonies, will have 15 votes. In final decisions, each country, large or small, has but one vote. The question of Russian representation had not been decided yesterday.

The most pressing questions now are those of transport, food for the stricken countries, and the return home of soldiers on foreign duty.

Such ships as the Germans turn over to the United States will fly the American flag and will, in all probability, be operated by the United States Navy or Merchant Marine.

# **COMRADE MEETINGS** FOR A.E.F. CENTERS

Gatherings at Tours, Bordeaux and Nevers Next Tuesday

The campaign to enroll the men of the A.E.F. in "Comrades in Service," launched last Sunday night with a large mass meeting in Paris, which President

statement, in the form of an involce, describing and valuing articles bought in Europe.

Customs collectors will visit the vessels at a specified time and the same procedure will be observed as in examination of beggage on passenger vessels. No examination will be made of the baggage and effects of officers and men except those listed and offered for examination, save in unusual cases.

Must Prepare Lists

After the examination and collection of duty, customs supervision will be without any customs formalities.

The lists to be prepared will show separately articles bought for personal use, those intended for sale and those purchased for others on a commission basis.

These rules apply only to officers and men, and do not apply to Red Cross, Y.M.C.A. or other Army workers, ac, cording to a bulletin issued by Hq.

S.O.S.

Late rules governing preparation of A.E.F. baggage for shipment home provide that each organization will prepare six copies of lists, consecutively numbered, covering separately personal proportions and the states and at A.E.F.

Carter, Chief Secretary of the Y.M.C. and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of N York. Progress of the movement in c tonments in the States and at A.E. camps was outlined by the speakers.